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The Fairies' New Forest Friend

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Look high in the sky on this Never Land night,
For a glowing green star, the fourth from the right.
As it falls from the heavens and streaks through the air,
You'll know it's a comet, a sight strange and rare.
A harmless display? A treat for the eye?
Perhaps...but be careful: for appearances lie.

This comet, you see, has been here before.
The ancients described it in old fairy lore:
Beware the green tail as it trails alongside,
And spills into corners, where shadows abide.
Take heed, and you'll know that before the dawn breaks,
Deep down in the darkness...something awakes.

Fawn zooms through another perfect morning in Pixie Hollow. She tumbles down a hill, racing two blue pillbugs.

Fawn is a very special animal-talent fairy. She isn't afraid to get down and dirty.

She offers classes like Hopping 101. She greets three bunny students: Calista, Nico, and Paige.

"Good morning, students!" Fawn says. "Let's see that hopping."

The bunnies hop up and down and side to side.

"Nice work, Nico! Perfection, Paige!" Fawn encourages.

Without warning, a loud moan fills the air in Pixie Hollow. The bunnies quickly scamper away.

Fawn is curious, so she follows the noise and winds up in a large clearing. She spots a patch of fur sticking out from beneath a rock. Suddenly, she realizes she is standing in a GIGANTIC paw print!

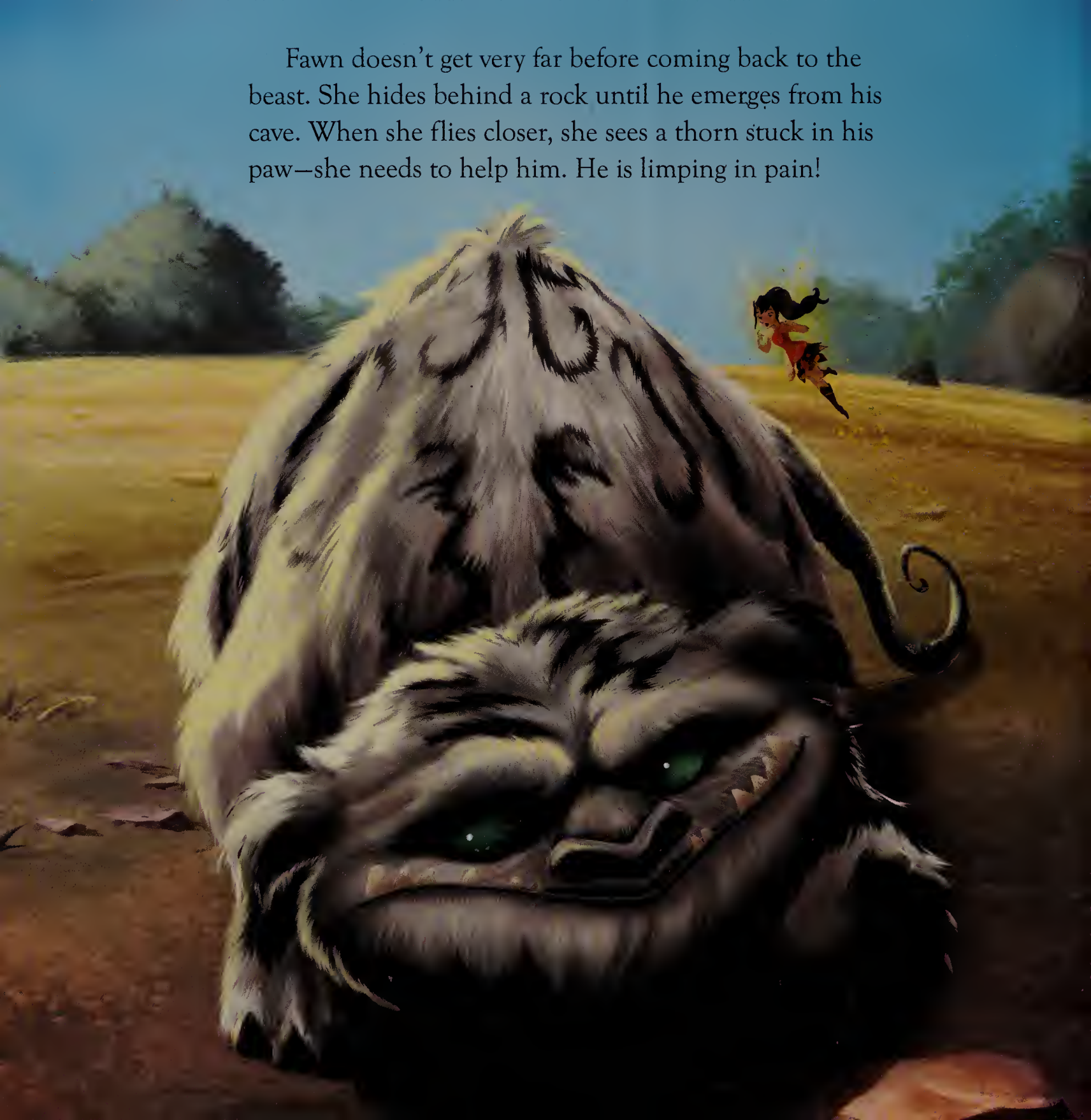
Carefully, Fawn follows the paw prints and ends up outside a dark cave. She flies in and finds a huge beast with glowing green eyes, a thick snout, and swirl-patterned grey fur.

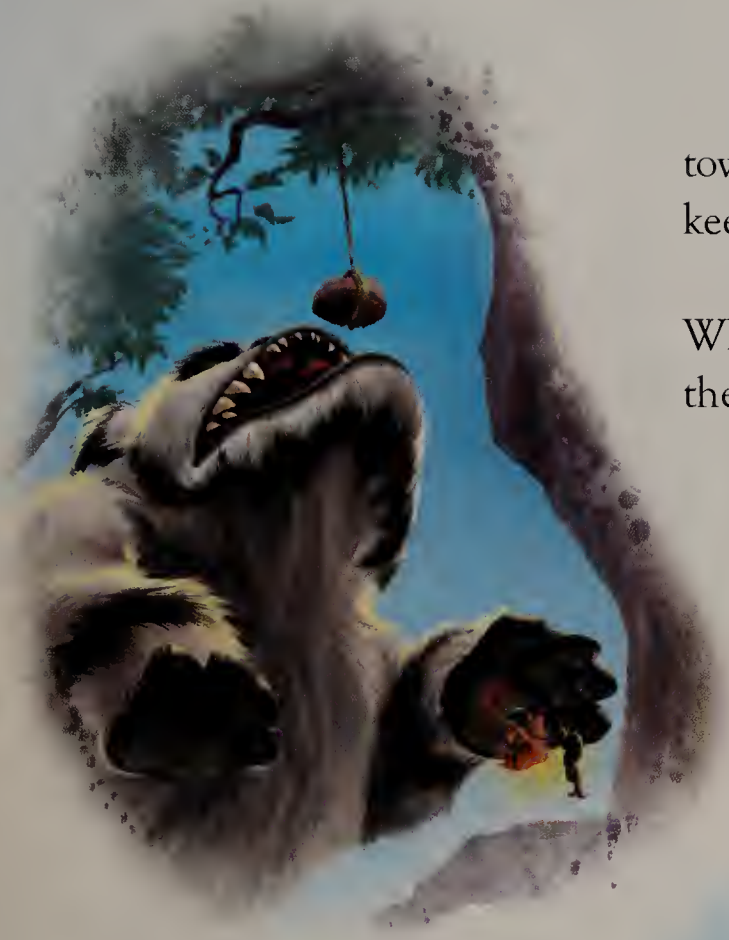
Fawn tries to keep her cool as the huge beast turns around and looks at her.

Feeling nervous, the beast lets out a ground-shaking *"Rooooaarrrr!"*

Fawn quickly flies out of the cave.

Fawn doesn't get very far before coming back to the beast. She hides behind a rock until he emerges from his cave. When she flies closer, she sees a thorn stuck in his paw—she needs to help him. He is limping in pain!





Fawn watches from afar as the beast moves toward a big pile of rocks. He sorts through them, keeping only the red ones.

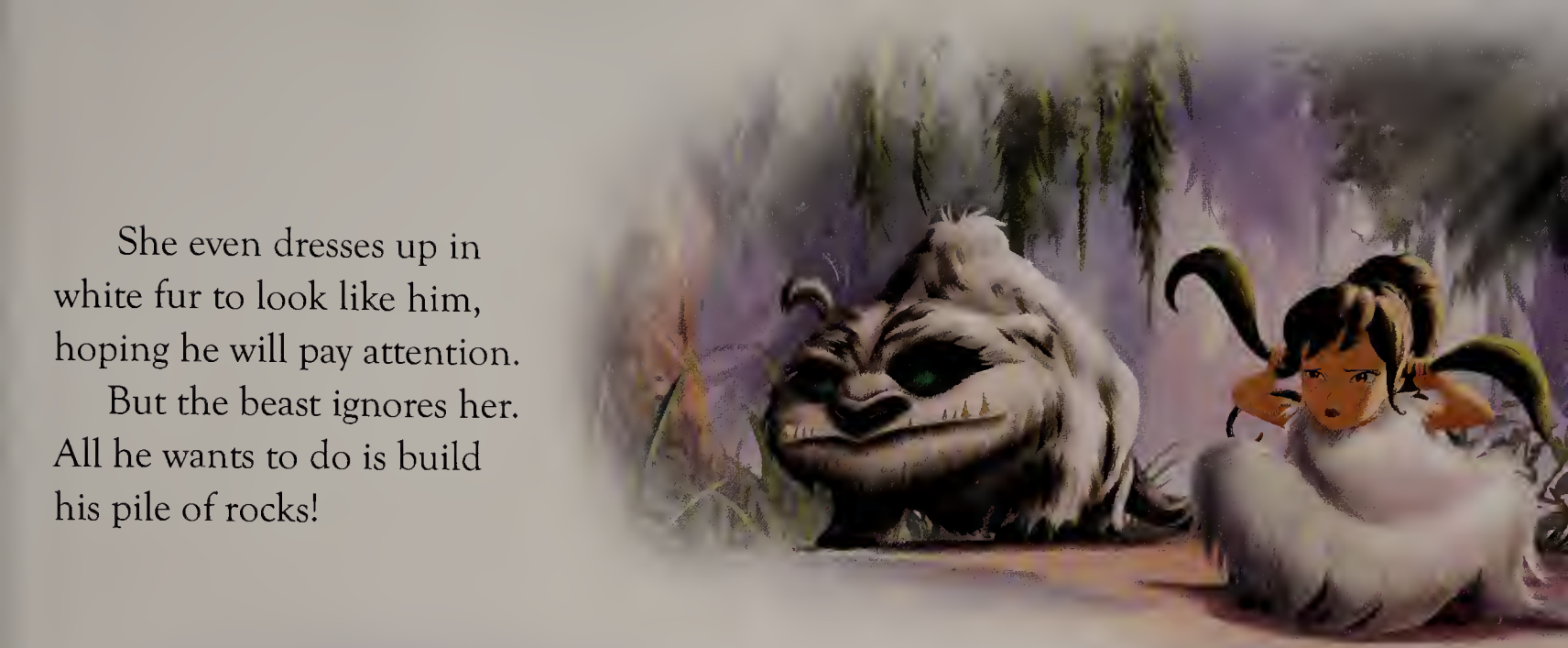
Fawn suspends one of the rocks from a tree. When the beast stands high on his hind legs to get the rock, she yanks the thorn from his front paw.

The beast howls, licks his paw, and places it on the ground gently. He realizes Fawn has helped him. He lets out a grateful grunt.

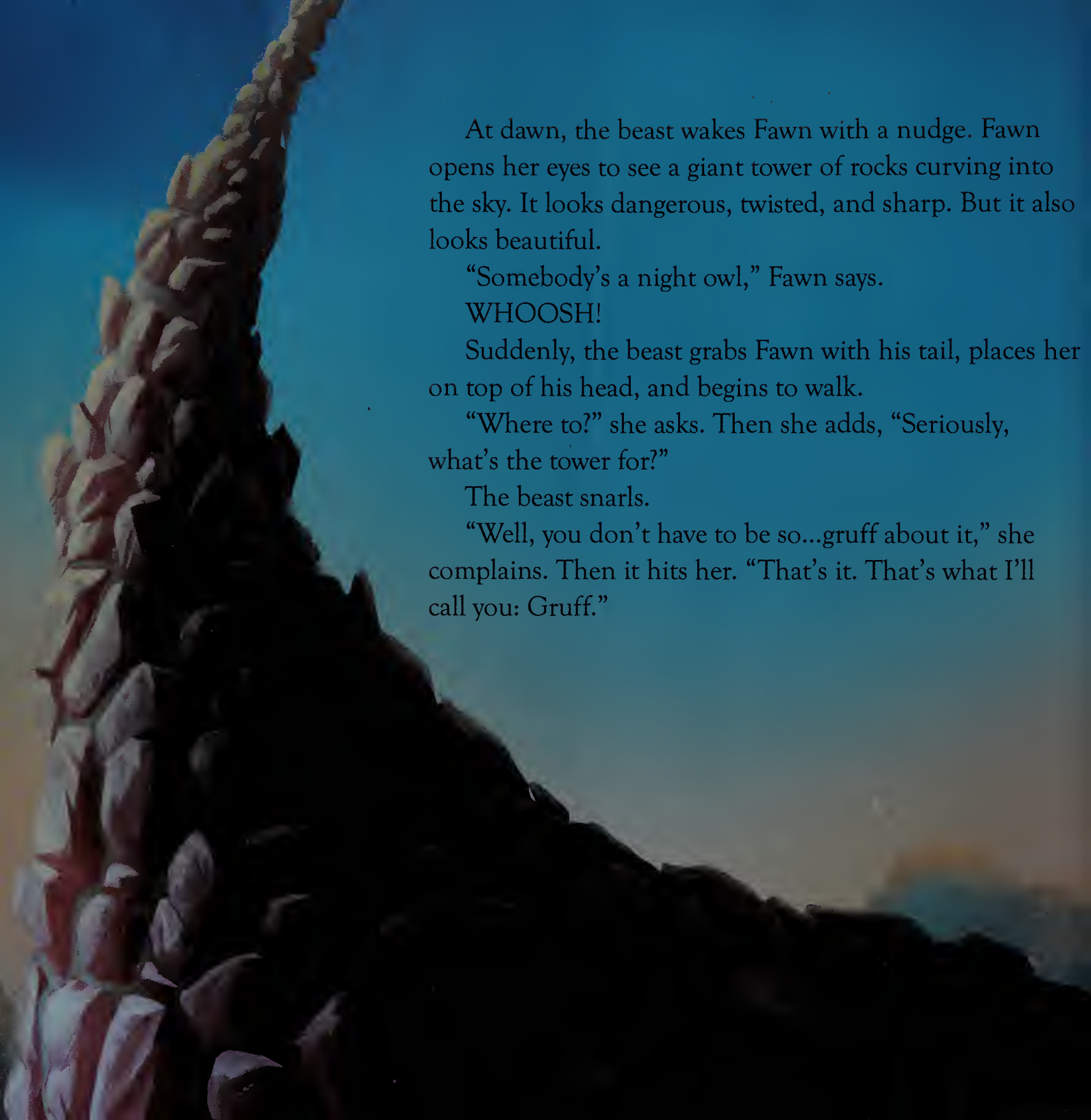
The next day, Fawn starts studying the strange beastlike animal. She draws him from every angle, measures him, and tries to play with him.

She even dresses up in white fur to look like him, hoping he will pay attention.

But the beast ignores her. All he wants to do is build his pile of rocks!



So Fawn decides to go to bed.



At dawn, the beast wakes Fawn with a nudge. Fawn opens her eyes to see a giant tower of rocks curving into the sky. It looks dangerous, twisted, and sharp. But it also looks beautiful.

"Somebody's a night owl," Fawn says.

WHOOSH!

Suddenly, the beast grabs Fawn with his tail, places her on top of his head, and begins to walk.

"Where to?" she asks. Then she adds, "Seriously, what's the tower for?"

The beast snarls.

"Well, you don't have to be so...gruff about it," she complains. Then it hits her. "That's it. That's what I'll call you: Gruff."

Fawn decides to introduce Gruff to Tink and the fairies. "I'm sure you're wondering what this is about," Fawn says. She takes a deep breath. "Ladies, say hello to Gruff."

Gruff swings down from the tree, hanging upside down by his tail. The fairies gasp, and Iridessa faints.

"What is that?" gulps Rosetta.

Fawn explains how she met Gruff and how other fairies in Pixie Hollow think Gruff is a monster called the NeverBeast.

"I know he's not what they say he is," Fawn says. Fawn thinks he is here to save the day.

In the morning, thick green clouds cover the sky. The girls watch in wonder as lightning begins to strike and huge wings grow from Gruff's back. He grows horns, too!

They understand his purpose now. "The towers—they draw lightning so he can collect it," Fawn says. "It's what he's been preparing for the whole time!"

Fawn and Gruff fly to a tower. It opens and lightning scatters everywhere!

Gruff steps in and absorbs all the lightning. In one gigantic blast, Gruff shakes off the energy waves, sending them far out over the sea. The storm is over!

Gruff's fur is burned and his horns are broken. He is weak from absorbing all the lightning and saving Pixie Hollow.

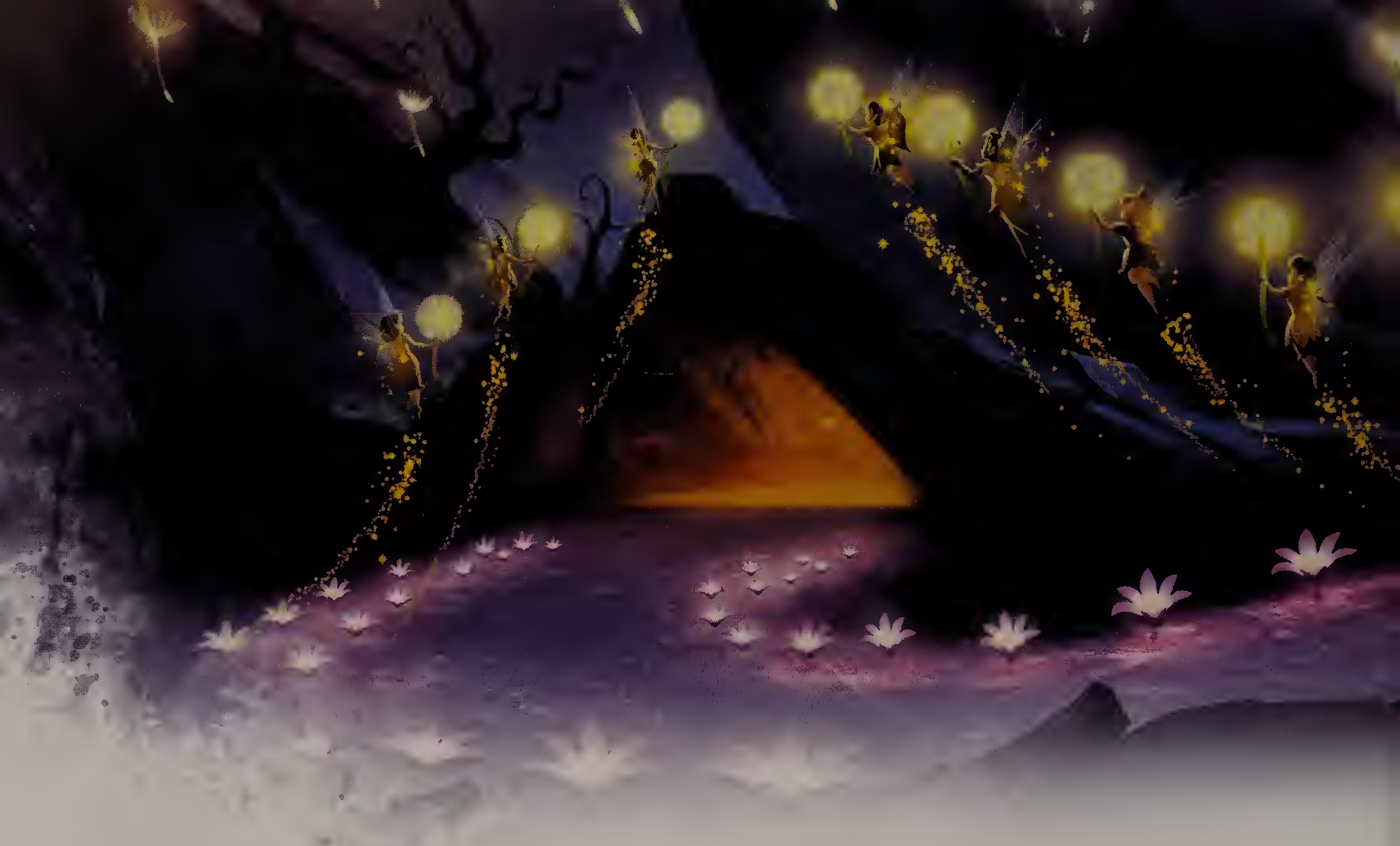
Gruff lowers himself next to Fawn and nudges her with his nose. Fawn nuzzles him back.

"That's my big furry monster!" she shouts.

The fairies cheer! Gruff has protected the fairies and saved Pixie Hollow from the storm!

The next morning, Gruff helps fix up Pixie Hollow. He repairs things that broke during the storm. He also lifts heavy trees from the ground and patches the roofs of fairy homes.

But soon he starts to get tired. Fawn listens to his heartbeat and knows that before long it will be time for him to go back into hibernation. She is sad, but she knows that it is best for her furry beast friend.



Fawn and the fairies lead Gruff back to his cave by the glow of magical dandelions. Hundreds of fairies from all over Pixie Hollow join to wish him well.

Tinker Bell has used her tinker talent to make him a special bed inside the cave. Rosetta gives him a fluffy dandelion-puff pillow. Silvermist puts down a bowl of fresh spring water. Iridessa brings him a night-light. And Vidia adds a gentle breeze to the cave.

"Hey, big guy," Fawn says. "I won't see you again for a while, but I know you'll always be here when we need you." Gruff stomps in a few circles and settles into his bed. Fawn kisses him on the nose and wishes him good night. They smile at each other, and Fawn whispers, "I'm really going to miss you. I love you, Gruff."

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When Fawn, a curious animal-talent fairy, discovers a mysterious beast deep inside a dark cave in the Pixie Hollow forest, she quickly realizes that, even though he looks scary, he is a gentle giant.

But Tink and the other fairies aren't so sure about this new animal friend.

Join Fawn as she unravels the truth about the legend of the NeverBeast and convinces the girls to trust all beings, big or small.

Read all the NeverBeast books!

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